



ODOT POLLINATOR MONITORING PROJECT





Bee Girl

- University of Montana, Missoula
 - Iridovirus and Microsporidian Linked to CCD
 - Sonagraphic analysis of hive health
 - Pesticide effects
 - “Bomb sniffing” bees
 - OLLI

**The Bee Girl mission
is to inspire and
empower
communities to
conserve bees and
their habitat.**





Beekeeping Education // Honey Bee Conservation

PRESENT ACTIVITIES

Kids and Bees

Beekeeping Workshops

Farming for Bees Initiative

Public Education

Next Generation Beekeepers Initiative

Public Lands for Bees and Beekeepers

Bees and Honey!





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Purpose: To monitor pollinator abundance and diversity on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) vernal pool habitat wetland restoration project, with a focus on bees (*hymenoptera*). Tracking this data will aid in monitoring the success of this project by indicating the health of keystone species habitat.

We also hope to provide data-based planting recommendations on future pollinator health projects, as well as explore the relationship between native bees and honey bees.



GOALS/QUESTIONS

- Is the restoration supporting bees?
- Who is out there (abundance and diversity)
- Which seed mixes are the most attractive to bees?
- Is there a difference in the un-restored site?
- Will the abundance and diversity change over time?
- What will happen to the native bee population when we pull the managed honey bee hives?



METHODS

Pollinator Monitoring Sheet: ODOT Vernal Pool Project

Date: ____/____/____ Observer(s): _____

Visit #: ____ of 13 Skies (circle): Clear / Partly Cloudy / Bright Overcast Temp: _____ °F

Transect	Start Time	End Time	# Bees	Family	# Non-bee pollinators	Order	Notes
OB 1							
OB 2							
OB 3							
SN 1							
SN 2							
Intuitive Control							
Control							

Notes:

- Frequency
- Weather
- Transects
- Keying out the pollinators



CURRENT FINDINGS

- One session on 3/31
- Transects:
 - 4 honey bees, mostly interested in the *Limnanthes*, also *Collinsia*, and *Erodium*
 - 1 bee fly (family Bombyliidae)
- Intuitive control: 2 Apidae *Bombus*, 20 *Apis mellifera*, 1 Halictidae



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